

1 SENATE BILL 129

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE REFORM; ESTABLISHING A HEALTHY NEW
12 MEXICO TASK FORCE TO DEVISE A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING
13 DISEASE PREVENTION AND CHRONIC CONDITION AND CHRONIC DISEASE
14 MANAGEMENT MEASURES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--HEALTHY NEW MEXICO TASK
18 FORCE--MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--

19 A. By July 1, 2008, the secretary of health shall
20 convene a healthy New Mexico task force to devise a
21 comprehensive five-year strategic plan for preventing disease
22 and managing chronic conditions for public and private
23 programs. The healthy New Mexico task force shall report on
24 its strategic plan to the interim legislative health and human
25 services committee by June 30, 2009. The healthy New Mexico

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1 task force shall work in conjunction with the national
2 institutes of health, the New Mexico health policy commission,
3 the New Mexico medical society or other boards, commissions,
4 departments, agencies, authorities, organizations and persons
5 necessary to provide appropriate expertise to devise the
6 strategic plan. The strategic plan shall contain
7 recommendations for reducing overall demand for high-cost
8 medical and behavioral health treatments, thereby reducing or
9 moderating the increase in health care costs.

10 B. The healthy New Mexico task force's strategic
11 plan shall include the following features:

12 (1) a plan for hiring the services of persons
13 specializing in disease management to control costs and
14 encourage healthy lifestyles in the state employees group
15 benefits self-insurance plan, with the objective of
16 guaranteeing savings to the state employees group benefits
17 self-insurance plan;

18 (2) recommendations on implementing the
19 primary care case management project to pay medicaid fee-for-
20 service providers a capitated rate for managing patients'
21 health status and treatment, and the healthy New Mexico task
22 force shall recommend the areas of the state where this project
23 can be implemented cost effectively;

24 (3) recommendations on requirements for
25 private health insurers and group health plans to reward

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1 providers for controlling chronic diseases and chronic
2 conditions; and

3 (4) recommendations for funding and
4 implementing a pilot program to integrate prevention, early
5 intervention and case management in one targeted community that
6 the healthy New Mexico task force has identified as being
7 underserved as relating to health care services. The pilot
8 program shall focus especially, but not exclusively, upon
9 diabetes and obesity prevention, intervention and case
10 management.

11 C. As used in this section:

12 (1) "chronic condition" or "chronic disease"
13 means a disease or condition that has a prolonged course, that
14 does not resolve spontaneously, involves functional impairment
15 or disability for which a complete cure is rarely achieved and
16 that may require ongoing medical care;

17 (2) "chronic condition management" or "chronic
18 disease management" means a system of coordinated health care
19 interventions and communications for individuals with chronic
20 diseases or chronic conditions, including significant patient
21 self-care efforts, system supports for provider and patient
22 relationships and a plan of care emphasizing prevention of
23 complications utilizing evidence-based practice guidelines,
24 patient empowerment strategies and evaluation of clinical,
25 humanistic and economic outcomes on an ongoing basis with the

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1 goal of improving overall health; and

2 (3) "disease management" means health care
3 services, including patient education, monitoring, data
4 collection and reporting, designed to improve health outcomes
5 in defined populations with selected chronic diseases.

6 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars
7 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
8 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 to
9 fund the creation, implementation, technical assistance,
10 supplies and equipment of the healthy New Mexico task force
11 created in this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
12 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the
13 general fund.